

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming device comprising:
 - a first reading unit for reading attribute information of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein an image corresponding to image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores said image data corresponding to said image printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, from said electronic tag;
 - a judging unit for judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading unit or not;
 - a second reading unit for reading said image data from said electronic tag when said judging unit judges that no said copy-prohibiting information exists; and
 - a printing unit for printing an image corresponding to said image data read by said second reading unit; wherein
 - said second reading unit does not read the image data from said electronic tag when said judging unit judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists; and
 - said printing unit cancels a printing process when said judging unit judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists.

2. (Currently Amended) Image forming device of claim 1 further comprising:

a display unit for displaying an indication that said electronically tagged printed matter is not allowed to be copied when said judging unit judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists.

3. (Currently Amended) An image forming device of claim 1, wherein said printing unit prints the image corresponding to said image data on another electronically tagged printing paper equipped with another electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the image data corresponding to the image printed by said printing unit on the another electronic tag of the another electronically tagged printing paper on which the image corresponding to the image data is printed by said printing unit.

4. (Currently Amended) Image forming device of claim 1, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives said electronic data by ~~means of~~ wireless communications.

5. (Currently Amended) An image forming device comprising:
a transporting unit for transporting an electronically tagged printed matter wherein an image corresponding to image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores said image data

corresponding to said image printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, one sheet at a time to a specified reading position;

a first reading unit for reading attribute information of the electronically tagged printed matter transported by said transporting unit from its electronic tag;

a judging unit for judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading unit or not;

a second reading unit for reading said image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that no said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging unit; and

a printing unit for printing an image corresponding to said image data read by said second reading unit; wherein

said second reading unit does not read said image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging unit.

6. (Currently Amended) An image forming device of claim 5, wherein said printing unit issues a blank paper as an output for the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging unit.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming device of claim 5, wherein said printing unit issues no output for the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging unit.

8. (Currently Amended) An image forming device of claim 5, wherein said printing unit prints the image corresponding to said image data on an another electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an another electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:
a writing unit for writing the image data corresponding to the image printed by said printing unit on the another electronic tag of the another electronically tagged printing paper on which the image corresponding to the image data is printed by said printing unit.

9. (Currently Amended) Image forming device of claim 5, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives said electronic data by ~~means of~~ wireless communications.

10. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:
a first reading step of reading attribute information of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein an image corresponding to image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores said image data corresponding to said image printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, from said electronic tag;
a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading step or not;

a second reading step of reading said image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that no said copy-prohibiting information exists; and

a printing step of printing an image corresponding to said image data read by said second reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read the image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists; and

said printing step cancels a printing process when said judging step judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists.

11. (Currently Amended) Image forming method of claim 10 further comprising:

a display step of displaying an indication that said electronically tagged printed matter is not allowed to be copied when said judging step judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists.

12. (Currently Amended) An image forming method of claim 10, wherein said printing step prints the image corresponding to said image data on another electronically tagged printing paper equipped with another electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing step of writing the image data corresponding to the image printed by said printing step on the another electronic tag of the another electronically tagged printing paper on which the image corresponding to the image data is printed by said printing step.

13. (Currently Amended) Image forming method of claim 10, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives said electronic data by ~~means of~~ wireless communications.

14. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:
a transporting step of transporting an electronically tagged printed matter wherein an image corresponding to image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores said image data corresponding to said image printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, one sheet at a time to a specified reading position;

a first reading step of reading attribute information of the electronically tagged printed matter transported by said transporting step from its electronic tag;

a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading step or not;

a second reading step of reading said image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that no said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step; and

a printing step of printing an image corresponding to said image data read by said second reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read said image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

15. (Currently Amended) An image forming method of claim 14, wherein said printing step issues a blank paper as an output for the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

16. (Currently Amended) An image forming method of claim 14, wherein said printing step issues no output for the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

17. (Currently Amended) An image forming method of claim 14, wherein said printing step prints the image corresponding to said image data on an another electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an another electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:
a writing step of writing the image data corresponding to the image printed by said printing step on the another electronic tag of the another electronically tagged printing paper on which the image corresponding to the image data is printed by said printing step.

18. (Currently Amended) Image forming method of claim 14, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives said electronic data by ~~means of~~ wireless communications.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A computer readable medium storing an image forming ~~computer~~ program for causing an image forming device to execute:

a first reading step of reading attribute information of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein an image corresponding to image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores said image data corresponding to said image printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, from said electronic tag;

a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading step or not;

a second reading step of reading said image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that no said copy-prohibiting information exists; and

a printing step of printing an image corresponding to said image data read by said second reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read the image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists; and

said printing step cancels a printing process when said judging step judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 19 ~~for~~ further causing an image forming device to execute:

a display step of displaying an indication that said electronically tagged printed matter is not allowed to be copied when said judging step judges that said copy-prohibiting information exists.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 19, wherein said printing step prints the image corresponding to said image data on another electronically tagged printing paper equipped with another electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, for further causing an image forming device to execute:

a writing step of writing the image data corresponding to the image printed by said printing step on the another electronic tag of the another electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~Image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 19, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives said electronic data by ~~means of~~ wireless communications.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~An image-forming program~~ A computer readable medium storing an image forming computer program ~~for causing an~~ image forming device to execute:

a transporting step of transporting an electronically tagged printed matter wherein an image corresponding to image data is printed on an electronically tagged

printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores said image data corresponding to said image printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, one sheet at a time to a specified reading position;

a first reading step of reading attribute information of the electronically tagged printed matter transported by said transporting step from its electronic tag;

a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading step or not;

a second reading step of reading said image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that no said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step; and

a printing step of printing an image correspond to said image data read by said second reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read said image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~An image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 23, wherein

said printing step issues a blank paper as an output for the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~An image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 23, wherein said printing step issues no output for the electronically tagged printed matter ~~which~~ if it is judged that said copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~An image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 23, wherein said printing step prints the image corresponding to said image data on ~~an~~ another electronically tagged printing paper equipped with ~~an~~ another electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, for further causing an image forming device to execute:

a writing step of writing the image data corresponding to the image printed by said printing step on the another electronic tag of the another electronically tagged printing paper on which the image corresponding to the image data is printed by said printing step.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~Image-forming program~~ The computer readable medium storing the image forming computer program of claim 23, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives said electronic data by ~~means of~~ wireless communications.

28. (Cancelled).